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## THE \* COMET.

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It was "too bad" for the republicans to-day.

Arrogant as he is, Sampson is not too big for his breeches.

The "late unpleasantness" has been brought up-to-date.

Riley Henson proved to be a good selection and will make a good Constable.

The only way to get Pritchett out of office is for Governor Taylor to pardon him.

Spain will find that delays in accepting peace terms are dangerous to her army.

Hawaii has named its most popular intendant for Sampson. They call it "Swipes."

Ross Smith left Johnson City "ahead" but Mason "flagged" him down at Jonesboro.

Uncle Sam is not going to send Miles for a little thing like Porto Rico and then not keep it.

Miles went to Porto Rico to open the "ball" game and has won the first series with buntin'.

Country watermelons are coming to town. Now is the time to pay your subscription in melons.

Spain may sue and be sued, but unless she agrees to our demands, she can sue and be d-d.

As a prize grabber Sampson is with-out a peer. When he was apprized of Schley's victory he took it.

Since the election of murderer Thorn in New York, the devil has a Thorn in the spirit if not in the flesh.

Spain failed in her attempt to float war bonds. She has also failed to float war vessels for any length of time.

While the boys of the Third Tennessee are itching for a scratch those of the First are scratching for the itch.

Joe and the old man have found out that money is better than wheat. As wheat went down their money went up.

The Bristol, Va., council has accepted the new artesian well and borrowed money to pay the contractors. It is perhaps well enough.

A New York bacteriologist has discovered a billion germs on a \$5 bill in a week. We have worked just as hard for 50 days and have not yet discovered the bill.

After losing millions of money upon his son Joe, old man Leiter has bought a throne in India for his daughter. From our point of view this is more good money thrown away.

It is announced that Gen. Merritt has failed to recognize Aguinaldo. The Insurgent General must add the badge of a brave warrior to his vanity decorations if he desires recognition by American officers.

Lieutenant Hopson may succeed in raising, with air bags and pontoons, the Spanish warships he engaged, but he can never raise the matrimonial hopes blasted by his engagement, with any of his wind instruments.

There are plenty of men in Washington, who make no bones of calling the printing of Grosvener's tissue of misrepresentations in a belated issue of the Congressional Record, after his request for permission to print it was refused by the House, as downright dishonesty. Secretary Kerr, of the Democratic Congressional campaign committee, says the committee regards the printing of the speech, under the circumstances, as a disgrace, and while on the subject said: "Unanimous consent was refused by the House and the management of the Record was at fault for allowing it to appear in that publication. The speech will not be of any great value as a campaign document,

The very circumstance under which it has appeared discredits it. Democrats have been loyal to the war. We have favored support for the army and navy, but we did not agree to the saddling of an unnecessary bonded debt upon the country. Grosvener's speech will be challenged everywhere it is circulated.

A New York bacteriologist claims to have discovered a billion germs on a \$5 bill. The germinal thing is to get the bill. Send them in. We're a regular germ destroyer.

Being King of Spain, prospective, does not keep the measly youngster from being afflicted with the ill incident to humanity. What we started to say was that this heir to the throne has the measles.

Sometime ago we had private information that Hawaii had a popular intendant called "Swipes," that was quarantined to make the drinker first jolly, then stupid, and finally put him to sleep from which he recovers without the "big head." Thereupon we became, along with Mike Connelly, a howling annexationist, but we have since learned that Editor Reeves of the Hardeman Free Press has gone to Hawaii and annexed himself to one end of the beverage, and that settles it. He will never let go until struck by lightning or "Swipes" disappears. For this good and sufficient reason we have decided to stay in Johnson City and trust to Mike Dyer's Irish talent to save our life.



Democracy's faithful Tomcat made a fine catch today.

**New Mayor Elected.**  
At a meeting of the board this (Friday morning) Alderman W. G. Mathes was elected mayor to fill out the unexpired term of C. H. Jennings, resigned.

**THE CITY SUE.**  
Travelers' Insurance Company Wants \$60,000 Damages.

Growing out of the recent litigation over the Three C's bond suit, comes a suit for damages. The Travelers' Insurance Company have commenced suit in the Federal Court at Knoxville against the Mayor and Aldermen for \$60,000. The papers have been served and the city must appear at the September term of the court to litigate.

It will be remembered that this company, the holders of the Three C's bonds, attempted to have the original suit transferred to the Federal court, but failed, and this is the same rose by another name, to get a new trial. The city will contest every inch of ground, of course.



Slater is pleased with Henson's majority.

**Bismarck.**  
With the passing of Bismarck ends the career of one of the most powerful personalities of the closing century. He was a positive character who made history and impressed his intellectual force and masterly skill upon the world in such substantial form as to mark the lines of national destiny. To review his life and work would be to compass the history of an empire and to recount the manifold influences of an iron will and a resolute purpose in the shaping of European policies. To him is due the chief credit of the statesmanship which wrought out of the confusion and discord of petty principalities the structure of the German Empire, which to-day pays mournful homage to his greatness. This man, whose concentration of energies was such a powerful factor in the unification of Germany, subordinated his aims and labors to the imperial idea. His King, whom he mastered, was the master to whom he made obeisance. To fully establish and enlarge the power of his King was Bismarck's life work, in

which he made himself as potent as a king until the present heady Emperor combated the prerogatives of the old Chancellor, whose strong, and rugged character—yet full of weakness—overshadowed that of any of his masters.—Nashville Banner.



Uncle Geo. Crouch's pleading is in vain. The republican vote is shy—very shy.

## THE ELECTION.

Democracy Rode on a Tidal Wave in Johnson City.

EVERY DEMOCRAT ON THE TICKET

Carries the Ninth—Sheriff Pritchett Re-elected in the County.

It was a water-bail for democracy in Johnson City and the Ninth district today. The polls opened in a strong rain and it continued to pour all the forenoon but democracy being a cold water party, was nothing daunted and commenced the glorious battle early and kept it up all day. When the polls closed and the ballots counted it was found that every democrat on the ticket had carried this district, a thing never done before in its history.

The following is the vote of the 9th district:

SHERIFF.

Pritchett, 286; Bailey, 189. Pritchett's majority, 106.

COUNTY COURT CLERK.

Smith, 286; Mason, 171. Smith's majority, 115.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK.

Crouch, 233; Dulaney, 238. Crouch's majority, 5.

CONSTABLE.

Henson, 235; Hodge, 163. Henson's majority 62.

Trustee Byrd received 190 votes and Vixes received 206 for Register. Both were republicans and had no opposition.

John F. Lyle, Frank K. Mountcastle and Henry Wilbourn, all democrats, were elected school commissioners.

OVER THE COUNTY.

The vote over the county was comparatively light. Pritchett, democrat, was re-elected sheriff by 59 votes. The balance of the democratic ticket was defeated.

Chas. Mason was elected County Court Clerk over Ross Smith by 127, and F. W. Dulaney was elected Circuit Court Clerk over Geo. P. Crouch by majority. Both the defeated candidates run good races in a county that is republican easily by from 800 to 1,300, and Pritchett's sprint was "out of sight."



The song of the rooster is now heard in the 9th district.

TRANSIT METEORS.

The Johnson City Comet suggests Editor Reeves of the Hardeman Free Press as military governor of Yap Island—Commercial Appeal.

Yes, give us the Philippines, Porter Ricker, the Calline Islands and the Lazzarous Islands; but don't forget the Germ of the Anthills.—Hardeman Free Press.

It is true that Hobson was engaged, but it was with the Merrimack and not to a Kansas city girl. He is brave but not desperate.—Chattanooga Times.

Moike Connelly, of the Commercial Appeal and Senator W. V. Sullivan, of Mississippi, got themselves arrested in Memphis last week to keep from fighting a duel. It takes less nerve to get arrested than it does to look down the barrel of a six shooter. We will just say to Moike that if he had intimated to us that he could not face the music we would have offered to take his place. We don't like for the Mississippi Senator to come up here and scare our editors so near to death. Just let them come up to Bolivar and try us on. We will show them a Dewey trick. We are now afraid that poor Moike will have to be tried on a writ of lunacy and sent out here to the Hospital. The Hospital. The truth is, although kept secret that he was a little buggy away.—Hardeman Free Press.

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## "FIGHTING JOB WHEELER"

HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO A FRIEND

Describing the Scenes When Gen. Toral Surrendered, and the Entrance to Santiago.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 3.—The following is a letter from Maj. Gen. Joe Wheeler, received by the editor of the Tennessee Dispatch. Accompanying the letter was a leaf from the tree under which negotiations were made for the surrender of the Spanish soldiers under Gen. Toral at Santiago.

"Headquarters, Cavalry Division, United States Army, Before Santiago, Cuba, July 17, 1898.—My Dear Friend: We have just returned from the concluding ceremonies of the capitulation. Gen. Shafter and the other generals with their staffs and one company of cavalry, marched out to the suburbs of Santiago at 9 o'clock this morning. We were there met by Gen. Toral and his officers and a body of Spanish troops. They formed line, facing our line of troops, and presented arms. At the same time the Spanish flag was hauled down from the palace and Gen. Toral was authorized to salute his flag by firing twenty-one guns. Gen. Shafter then gave to Gen. Toral the sword and spurs of Gen. Vars. Del Rey, who was killed in the fight of July 1. Gen. Toral then marched his troops back and all his soldiers gave up their arms and they were put in the arsenal. The entire Spanish army then marched out and were put in camp without any arms about a mile and a half this side of the town—that is, to the east of it."

"Gen. Shafter and myself then rode into the town, followed by the other generals and staffs, all arranged according to rank. We were conducted to the palace, where we were introduced to the civil government, to all the officials and to the archbishop. We were then given a luncheon, and just before 12 o'clock a regiment—the Ninth infantry—was drawn up in the plaza, facing the palace, and the clock commenced striking the hour of 12 the American flag (it was my headquarters flag) was hoisted over the palace by Lieut. Milley, Lieut. Joseph Wheeler, Jr., and Capt. McKeltrick. At the same time twenty-one guns were fired and the band, which was standing directly in front of the palace, played 'The Star Spangled Banner.' After it had played a few other tunes, we rode out of the city in the same order as that in which we entered, leaving one regiment to sustain the civil authorities."

"Every effort is being made to have the Spanish troops promptly put on board and embarked for Spain, and it is hoped that the great bulk of the army including my command, will be able to start for Porto Rico within three or four days."

"We are changing our camps today to try and avoid the yellow fever infection."

"Gen. Toral stated that the 23,000 Spanish troops numbered about 23,000. I inclose a leaf from the tree under which the negotiations for the capitulation were made. With high regards, truly your friend,

"JOSEPH WHEELER."

War and Its Results.

After our season was over last fall the Hotel was closed for the winter. Recently I discovered the house was infested with rats, they were destroying the bedding and bed clothes and making havoc of everything. Rat Chaser was recommended. I tried it and was surprised at the marvelous result. In a few days there was not a rat about the place, they seemed to have left the barns and out houses as well as the Hotel. Every one who is pestered with rats or mice should try Rat Chaser at once; it did the work quickly and well for me I gladly recommended it. A decisive battle quickly won. Please send me one dozen boxes by express and oblige.

Yours very truly,  
S. H. JOHNSON,  
Ferry Hall, Crystal Lake,  
Dundaff, P. O. Pa.

## THE WAR SITUATION.

The reply of Spain to the terms of peace proposed the United States will probably be handed to the President to-day. A long cable message in cipher, received by Ambassador Cambon last night, was believed to be Spain's answer.

Madrid dispatches state that the reply has been forwarded, and that Spain has accepted the terms of the United States.

Employees of the French legation at Washington were busily engaged until a late hour last night deciphering the message, and it will be communicated to the President to-day.

The President authorized an announcement yesterday of the terms submitted to Spain. The United States demands the relinquishment by Spain of all claim to the sovereignty over Cuba and the immediate evacuation of the island, the cession to the United States and the immediate evacuation of Porto Rico and other Spanish islands in the West Indies, and the cession of an island in the Ladroneas. No pecuniary indemnity is asked. The United States will hold the city and bay of Manila pending the conclusion of a treaty which shall determine the disposition of the Philippines.

From a dispatch received from Porto Rico, the War Department is convinced that Gen. Miles' victory will be a bloodless one. The forces of Spanish regulars are small, and the volunteers are deserting. A Madrid dispatch says 2,000 volunteers have already surrendered to the Americans. The extreme American outpost has reached Coamo, seventeen miles from Ponce, on the road to San Juan. Gen. Stone is pushing across the island in the direction of Arecibo, on the north coast, where part of the troops may be landed.

Guyana Bay and the towns of Guyana and Arroyo, thirty and forty miles east of Ponce, have been seized by the navy. They will probably be made a base of supplies and the second army detachment may be landed there, marching to Cayey and there joining



One shot from democracy's 13-inch gun silenced the republican batteries in Johnson City.

the army now proceeding to Ponce. The Spanish garrison abandoned Guyana last Friday. The Americans occupied it Monday. The seizure of the town cuts off forty miles on the way to San Juan.

The stories of outrages by the Spaniards have been greatly exaggerated. Major Gen. Merritt, who is stationed at San Francisco, has been officially advised that Gen. Merritt has asked that his command be increased to 50,000 men. There are now at Manila 12,000 troops and 4,000 are on the way. Nine thousand six hundred more are awaiting transports at San Francisco. There is likely to be a shortage of transports. Those which conveyed the first expedition are due to return in two weeks. The officials at Washington are alive to the gravity of the situation with reference to the Philippine insurgents and are prepared for news that a collision has occurred, especially as the Americans have resolved to interfere with the vengeance of the rebels upon the helpless Spaniards, especially the monks, toward whom the insurgents are most bitter.

The soldiers of the First Kentucky regiment will begin moving toward Porto Rico this afternoon. Col. Belknap and 650 men will board the transport Hudson this morning. The Leona and the Yale will probably arrive at Newport News today, and Col. Castleman and the remainder of the men will get away Thursday. The Third Kentucky regiment will go on the Yale.

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None of the transports that are to remove the Spanish prisoners from Santiago has yet arrived there, although the contract stipulated that at least five should reach Santiago within nine days after the contract was closed. The delay is costly as the United States is feeding the prisoners and caring for 2,000 sick among them. The delay also works a hardship on General Shafter's men, most of whom are kept in the low country near the city and can not move back to the hills nor be removed to Montauk Point until the prisoners have been removed.

"Hail Porto Rico, Always American." Porto Rico, Sunday.—The following is the text of the mayor's proclamation issued at Yanco as a United States city:

"Citizens—Today the citizens of Porto Rico assist in one of her most beautiful feasts. The sun of America shines upon our mountains and valleys this day of July, 1898. It is a day of glorious remembrance for each son of this

beloved isle, because for the first time there waves over her the flag of the stars, planted in the name of the government of the United States of America by the major-general of the American army, Senator Miles.

"Porto Ricans, we are by the miraculous intervention of the God of the just given back to the bosom of our mother, America, in whose waters nature placed us as people of America. To her we are given back in the name of her government by General Miles, and we must send our most expressive salutation of generous affection through our conduct towards the valiant troops represented by distinguished officers and commanded by the illustrious General Miles.

"Citizens, long live the government of the United States of America! Hail to the valiance of their troops! Hail Porto Rico, always American!"

"Yanco, Porto Rico, United States of America, El Alcaide, Francisco, Magia."

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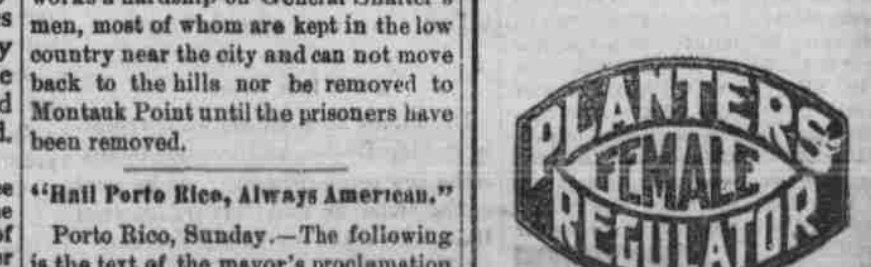
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